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SUBJECT: VISIT OF PENNSYLVANIA GROUP OF BUSINESSMEN TO BAGHDAD

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1. GOI FONMIN ADVISES THAT THEY WILL INFORM USINT OF FINAL DECISION ON SUBJECT VISIT ON SATURDAY, JUNE 11, 1977.
USINT UNDERSTANDS MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIES HAS AGREED TO RECEIVE GROUP BUT MINISTRY OF TRADE HAS NOT. FONMIN IS IN CONTACT WITH MINTRADE AND THAT IS APPARENT REASON FOR DELAY IN REPLY. IF APPROVAL IS GRANTED, VISAS WILL HAVE TO BE ISSUED IN DAMASCUS AND WE WILL SEEK FONMIN ASSURANCE THAT THEY HAVE ADVISED IRAQI EMBASSY THERE. AS NOTED IN REF. B, IF ASSURANCE NOT FORTHCOMING BY CLOSE OF BUSINESS MONDAY, JUNE 13, WE WILL CANCEL VISIT.

2. USINT UNDERSTANDS GROUP'S CONCERN ABOUT LAST-MINUTE NATURE OF VISA DECISION AND WE APPRECIATE MEMBERS' WILLINGNESS TO BE FLEXIBLE. ARRANGEMENTS ARE PROCEEDING ON BASIS APPROVAL WILL BE GRANTED AND WE BELIEVE USEFUL VISIT CAN BE ANTICIPATED IF, REPEAT IF, VISAS ARE GRANTED. IF NOT, WE DOUBT DEPARATE VISA CAN BE ARRANGED FOR UNCLASSIFIED

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MISSION DIRECTOR ROGERS IN TIME REMAINING, UNLESS HE IS ABLE TO EXTEND HIS STAY IN REGION.

3. FOR DAMASCUS: IN VIEW OF CONTINUING DELAY IN RECEIPT OF GOI APPROVAL FOR THIS VISIT, USINT REQUESTS, SUBJECT TO EMBASSY'S APPROVAL, THAT AMCONSUL CALL ON THE IRAQI CONSUL AND ADVISE HIM THAT VISAS FOR THE

FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF THIS GROUP HAVE BEEN REQUESTED FROM GOI FONMIN: J. THOMAS ROGERS, GROUP DIRECTOR, ALLEN YOUNG, CROMAGLASS CORPORATION; RICHARD SCHENCK, KROY MANUFACTURING; JOHN STRAITZ, NATIONAL AIR OIL BURNER; HOWARD CAREW, CAREW CORPORATION; AND R.A. VALERIO AND ANTHONY BERENATA OF CRESCENT IRON WORKS. PASSPORT INFORMATION ON ABOVE SHOULD BE AVAILABLE FROM EMBASSY'S VISA REQUEST TO GOS. ADVANCE NOTICE TO IRAQI CONSUL MIGHT FACILITATE VISA ISSUE ONCE GOI APPROVAL IS OBTAINED. ASSISTANCE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

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